

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STAES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant(s):** Noriaki Oda et al.

**Docket:** 12562A

**Serial No.:** 09/863,737

**Examiner:** Monica Lewis

**Filed:** May 23, 2001

**Group Art Unit:** 2822

**For:** SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
THE SAME

**Dated:** June 4, 2003

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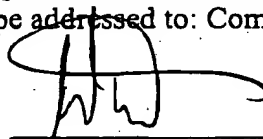
Applicants submit the following in response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2003, relative to the above-identified case.

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENT**

The present amendments are presented in the form authorized by the U.S.P.T.O. notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted", published in Official Gazette volume 1267, No. 4, February 25, 2003.